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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 16 are pending in the application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of the claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks which follow.

Obviation of Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1 through 16 stand solely rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of United States Patent No. 6,641,924 (formerly Application No. 09/421,068), in view of The Encyclopedia of Polymer Science and Engineering and further in view of United Kingdom Patent Application GB 2344596 or United States Patent No. 3,950,301 to Balog et al.

Solely to advance prosecution of the case and without addressing the merits of the rejection, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, as noted in Applicants' Amendment of June 18, 2002. More particularly, Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to be charged to Deposit Account 50-2193 that disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-referenced application extending beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term which may ultimately result from the cited United States Patent No. 6,641,924.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing double patenting rejection has been obviated upon entry of the enclosed terminal disclaimers.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 1 through 16 are now in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time and/or fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

Respectfully submitted,

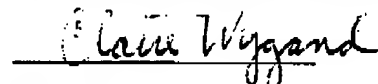


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